

## OBITUARY

Dr Jai Krishna, the fifth President of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering, passed away on 27 August 1999 in Roorkee, India at the age of 86. He graduated from the University of Roorkee, received the Ph.D. degree from the University of London, and served for 32 years on the Roorkee faculty and then was appointed Vice Chancellor of the University of Roorkee in 1971.

Professor Krishna introduced earthquake engineering research and practice into India, beginning in 1959, and developed the School of Earthquake Engineering at the University. He made many pioneering contributions as an educator, researcher, innovator and institution builder. He was the author of many technical papers and also the author of a book on the design of reinforced concrete structures. During his long career he received many prizes and awards, and for his meritorious service to the nation, he was conferred Padam Bhushan by the President of India. He was active in matters of earthquake engineering and public safety, not only in India but also internationally, and was well known in the international community of earthquake engineers.

Serving as Guru and Mentor to generations of earthquake engineers, Professor Jai Krishna epitomized the spirit of inquiry and strong loyalty and devotion to academic pursuits, so very essential for the development of knowledge. The School of Research and Teaching in Earthquake Engineering, now a fully fledged academic department of the University of Roorkee, stands today as a testimony to the creative power of Professor Jai Krishna who was not only instrumental in its creation, but also nurtured it till he breathed his last. He was a true pioneer in earthquake engineering in India and he will be missed by his many friends throughout the world.